

**I CALL THAT MIND FREE
by Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger**

Sunday, April 12, 2026

“We are in the midst of influences, which menace the intellect and heart; and to be free, is to withstand and conquer these.”

-William Ellery Channing, 1830

Why First Parish is Important to Me?

“First Parish Bedford is a home where I feel included and welcomed. Thank you!”

Senior Minister SM Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger
Minister of Faith Development MFD Rev. Annie Gonzalez
Worship Associate WA Marya Dantzer
Lay Pastoral Associate LPCA LPCA Member
Dir. of Faith Dev. For Children DFDC Nate Sellers
Music Director MD Brad Conner
Youth Choir Director LCD Janet Welby
Music *Steve Sussman, piano*

A Warm Thanks to Today’s Volunteers

Carla Bradford, Bob Dorer, Marge Heckman, Stephanie Keep, Matt Porter, Jenn Puhle, Clayton Springer, Sara Sullivan & Chris Tohline

Focal Point Donated by

Dorothy Africa
 “Earth Day”

If you are visiting today, Welcome!

After services, all are invited to join us for fellowship and coffee in the Common Room. Stop by the Welcome Table and complete a blue card to be added to our email list.

Assistance & Accessibility

Hearing assisting devices are located at the back of the Sanctuary and in Page Room. Large print bulletins and hymnals are available. All floors are accessible by our elevator at the Elm St. entrance. If you prefer privacy, the back two rows of pews and the upstairs Bacon room will not appear on zoom. Our masking & fragrance-free room is located on the 2nd floor. Noise cancelling earphones are available. Ushers are on hand to help.

Please wear a name tag. New tags can be requested at the Welcome Table.

Youth

†All children, 4 to 14, are invited to join classes. Childcare for infants and children under 3 is available most Sunday mornings in our downstairs nursery.

Today’s FD Classrooms

PreK - 5th Rm L02
 6th-7th Rm 204

ORDER OF SERVICE

SOUND OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS WA

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS SM

***OPENING HYMN**

“Oh, I Woke Up This Morning” No. 153

****UNISON AFFIRMATION**

TIME FOR ALL AGES DFDC

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

May your mind be open to new learning

May your lips bring truth into the world

May your heart know love, and your hands do the work of justice
 as you go your way in peace, as you go your way in peace.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

by Bill Rabinowitz

JOYS AND CONCERNS LPCA

***MEDITATION HYMN**

“Spirit of Life” No. 123

READING SM

“Excerpts from *Spiritual Freedom* (1830)
 by William Ellery Channing

REFLECTION

“Contemplating Forks” by Marya Dantzer

OFFERING SM

OFFERTORY

SERMON SM

“I Call That Mind Free” by Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Voice Still and Small” No. 391

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISH CHALICE SM

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UU Advocacy Day - Thursday, April 16, 10am-5pm: First Parish Watch Party at church for UU Advocacy Day (pizza lunch provided).

April Music Concert: Sunday, April 26th at 3PM! Soprano Valerie Anastasio and pianist Steve Sussman will perform works of legendary composers Richard Strauss, Kurt Weill, Aaron Copland, and Leonard Bernstein. Suggested donations \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students. Contact Mike Boczenowski.

Stewardship & Capital Campaign - Thanks to everyone who has turned in pledge cards for FPB’s Stewardship & Capital Campaign drives this spring. Every contribution is valuable. We need to reach the fundraisers’ end on April 25th together as a community.

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Bedford Lyceum
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship & Coffee
	11:30 AM	Art Reception
	11:30 AM	SYG
	2:00 PM	American Classics
MONDAY	11:00 AM	Ara Tyler Memorial
	1:00 PM	Knot Committee
	6:30 PM	Monday Mom’s SGM
	7:00 PM	Capital Campaign (ZOOM)
TUESDAY	5:00 PM	Leadership Team Mtg.
WEDNESDAY	3:30 PM	Junior Youth Group
	7:00 PM	Parish Board Mtg.
THURSDAY	9:30 AM	Short Story Group (ZOOM)
	10:00 AM	UU Advocacy Day
	4:00 PM	Youth Choirs Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Worship Associates
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
FRIDAY	5:00 PM	Youth Choirs Rehearsal
	5:00 PM	Public Witness Standout
SATURDAY		

***Please rise in body or spirit. **Please see back of bulletin.**

~check the website calendar for more details~

OPEN GROUPS & PROGRAMS

Faith Development

Sunday (PreK - 7th) during Sun Service
Jr. Youth Group (6th - 8th) Wed 3:30 - 5 pm
Sr. Youth Group (9th - 12th) Sun 11:30 - 1 pm

Choirs

Adult Choir Thur 7:30 pm
Sr. Youth Choirs (6th - 12th) Thur 4:00-4:15pm
Jr. Youth Choirs (3rd - 5th) Thur 4:00-4:15pm
KidSing (age 5-2nd) Contact Janet Welby

Drop-In Meditation Group

1st, 3rd, 4th & last Tue 7pm

Vespers

2nd Tue 7 pm

Women's Book Group

monthly Sun. 6 pm

Short Story Group

Thur 9:30 am

Join a Small Group

contact Rev. Annie

Multigenerational Gaming Gathering

3rd Sun 2 pm

Friday Night Potluck Dinner

1st Fri 6 pm

Immigration Justice Committee

contact Cecile Mercado

UNISON AFFIRMATION

Love is the spirit of this church

And service is its law.

This is our great covenant:

To dwell together in peace,

To seek the truth in love,

And to help one another.

El amor es el Espíritu de esta Iglesia
y el servicio es su ley.

Este es nuestro gran pacto:

Vivir juntos en paz,

buscar la verdad en espíritu de amor,

y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

"Connect" with us to be added to our email list.



Volunteer



Connect



Donate

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Environmental Justice (EJC): Ginny Steel

Finance: Wendy Innis, *treasurer*

Gallery@FirstParish: Maria Green, Doris Smith

Hospitality: Catherine Van Praagh

Immigration Justice: Cecile Mercado

IT: Sandy Currier

Lay Pastoral: Elizabeth Connors

Membership: TBA

Music: Lisa Tohline

Nominating: Sarah Dorer

Parish Council: Bea Brunkhorst

Partner Church: Sharon McDonald

Personnel: Carol Gregory

Physical Plant: Joel Parks

Stewardship: Sarah Dorer, Bill Rabinowitz

Social Responsibility: Moriah Tumbleson-Shaw

UU Urban Ministry Delegates: Cecile Mercado & Robert Schmalz

FIRST PARISH IN BEDFORD

A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
CONGREGATION



ORDER OF SERVICE

APRIL 12, 2026

10:00 AM

75 Great Road
Bedford, MA



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